MYAN (Australia) is Australia’s national body representing the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. We are an advocacy non-profit body that provides advice to government and capacity building to those who work with young people. We work in partnership with young people, government and the non-government sectors to promote the voices of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and to support a targeted approach to addressing these in policy and service delivery.

We also support the development of young people’s skills and networks to engage in advocacy and influence the national agenda.

Our vision is that all young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds can access the support and opportunities they need to be active participants in, and contributors to, Australian society.
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Snapshot 2007-2017

2007
• First formal meeting held at Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) with representation from all states/territories
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• First Multicultural Youth Briefing Paper prepared to support advocacy work
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• Launched MYAN website
• Released Election Platform

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2014
• Hosted Australia’s first national multicultural youth settlement summit, SYDNEY
• Commissioned CALD Youth Census Report Australia’s first-ever census analysis of culturally diverse young people
• MYAN NSW launched as an independent organisation
• Secured funding for development of MYAN TAS, MYAN QLD and MYAN WA
• Committed funding for National Youth Settlement Framework
• Implemented new governance and operational structure

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• Delivered national training on the NYSF
• Delivered workshops and webinars with Australian Institute of Family Studies
• Made submissions to the Australian Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (AIMA) on the Strategy
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• Coordinated the Global Refugee Youth Consultations (GRY) in Australia with the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA)
• Supported youth representatives at UNHCR international meetings, Geneva
• Delegates to Asia-Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRN) consultations, Bangkok, supporting youth advocates
• Established the Special Interest Group on education pathways with RCOA
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